

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Tuesday, September 01, 2015, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present: M. Blake, Mayor
T. Ault, Councillor
L. Bussieres, Councillor
J. Cardinal, Councillor
S. Germain, Councillor
K. McGrath, Councillor
P. Meagher, Councillor
J. Stroud, Councillor
C. Tatum, Councillor
A. Vinni, Councillor

Absent: J. Chadi, Councillor

Administration: M. Ulliac, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Leflar, Chief Legislative Officer
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer
D. Soucy, Legislative Officer

Call To Order

Mayor M. Blake called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

National Anthem

The National Anthem was performed by local student, Olivia Heskett.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Minutes from Council Meeting - August 25, 2015

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on August 25, 2015 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegations

2. **Mr. Philip Osborne, Philtech Enterprises, re: Urban Chickens (amend Land Use Bylaw and Animal Control Bylaw to allow for the keeping of backyard chickens in the Urban Service Area)**
(6:09 p.m. – 6:21 p.m.)

Philip Osborne, Philtech Enterprises, provided a presentation on why, in his opinion, the Land Use and the Animal Control Bylaws should be amended to allow backyard chickens in the Urban Service Area of the Municipality.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the chamber at 6:10 p.m. and returned at 6:12 p.m.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the presentation from Mr. Philip Osborne be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports

3. **Capital Projects Status Update – Second Quarter, 2015**
(6:22 p.m. – 6:49 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the Capital Projects Status Update, Second Quarter, 2015 be accepted as information.

Kola Oladimeji, Director of Finance, and Emdad Haque, Director of Engineering, provided an overview of the Capital Projects Status as at June 30, 2015.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the chamber at 6:34 p.m. and returned at 6:38 p.m.

An inquiry was made into the expected completion date for LED light conversion in the Rural Service Areas. Administration committed to looking into this item.

A request was made to have Administration identify the 2005 project in the amount of \$147.44m that is listed in Table 3: Summary of Open Projects by Year, and to further break down Table 3 to identify funds spent in 2015 separately for multi-year capital projects. Administration committed to providing the information to Council in the next status update.

It was requested that Administration explore the possibility of relocating available used transit shelters, as an interim measure, to new and/or existing transit stops that do not presently have shelters prior to the winter season.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Second Quarter 2015 Financial Performance Update
(6:49 p.m. – 7:13 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Second Quarter 2015 Financial Performance Update be accepted as information.

Kola Oladimeji, Director of Finance, and Pat Sibilleau, Manager of Financial Planning, introduced the Second Quarter 2015 Financial Performance Update.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Germain exited the chamber at 7:01 p.m. and returned at 7:03 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Amendment of Procurement Policy - PUR-100
(7:13 p.m. – 7:52 p.m.)

Councillor P. Meagher presented the following recommendation for consideration “that the amendment to Procurement Policy - PUR-100, dated September 1, 2015, be approved”. Discussion ensued relating to the content of the proposed policy.

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that the Procurement Policy PUR-100 be referred back to Administration for review and incorporation of provisions relating to: protection against exceeding expenditure thresholds; consideration of local vendors within accepted thresholds (NWPTA and AIT) and inclusion of local resources for advertising (i.e. REDLink).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess

A recess occurred between 7:52 p.m. and 8:05 p.m.

Councillors' Motions

6. Municipal Recruitment and Hiring
(8:05 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor L. Bussieres that the Chief Administrative Officer is hereby directed to ensure that recruitment and hiring for all approved and vacant full-time equivalent permanent positions below the Director level is suspended effective immediately, except for positions that must be filled in order to ensure the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo meets legal or legislated requirements, until either:

- (a) the operating budget for 2016 is approved by Council; or
- (b) the result of the Operational Review directed by Council on July 7, 2015 is presented to Council, or

- (c) a review of all currently vacant full-time positions is carried out and a report on that review is presented to Council including recommendations for positions that could be eliminated;
- whichever of (a), (b) or (c) first occurs.

DEFEATED

For: T. Ault, L. Bussieres, S. Germain,
K. McGrath

Opposed: M. Blake, J. Cardinal, P.
Meagher, J. Stroud, C. Tatum,
A. Vinni

7. Residential and Industrial Land Uses – Separation Distances and Shared Access
(8:46 p.m. – 9:01 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Administration be directed to carry out a comprehensive review and analysis, encompassing all land use districts throughout the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, of:

- (a) appropriate separation distances between residential developments and industrial developments, including lands proposed for future residential and industrial developments, and
- (b) appropriate protocols and conditions for shared use of roadways that serve or are intended to serve as access to both residential and industrial developments;

and incorporate the results and conclusions of such review and analysis into subdivision regulations and development regulations in the new Land Use Bylaw currently being prepared for Council's consideration.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the chamber at 8:57 p.m. and returned at 8:58 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Mayor M. Blake declared the meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer